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PHOENIX WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE TWO YOUNG BOYS INTO U.S.

TUCSON, Ariz. – Ana Rosa Ochoa de Gonzalez, 25, of Phoenix, was sentenced in Tucson today to eight months in prison by U.S. Chief District Judge John M. Roll for attempting to smuggle two young boys through the Nogales, Ariz. Port of Entry in June 2007. Ochoa de Gonzalez pleaded guilty on August 7, 2007 to Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens.

Ochoa de Gonzalez had attempted to enter the U.S. from Mexico on June 10, 2007, via the Morley Avenue pedestrian lane of the Port of Entry in Nogales, Ariz., with 6 and 8-year-old Mexican national brothers. She claimed the boys were her sons and presented her own sons' Arizona birth certificates on their behalf. Eventually, Ochoa de Gonzalez admitted she was not related to the boys and did not know their names. Ochoa de Gonzalez stated that she was smuggling the children as a favor to their father in Phoenix, who she knew only as "Guero."

Yesterday, in an unrelated case, Judge Roll sentenced Anna Lourdes Martinez, 24, of Tucson, Ariz., to 15 months in federal prison for attempting to smuggle a 4-year-old girl through the Nogales, Ariz. Port of Entry in July 2006. Martinez had pleaded guilty to one count of Attempt to Bring an Illegal Alien into the U.S.

The investigation in both these cases were conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Nogales, Ariz. The prosecutions were handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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